

1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
2	DISTRICT OF NEVADA	
3	LEANDRE MARTELL,	Case No. 2:24-cv-00159-GMN-MDC
4		ORDER
5	v.	
6	WELLPATH LLC, et al.,	
7		Defendants
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9 **I. DISCUSSION**

10 On January 22, 2024, Plaintiff filed a complaint with the Court. (ECF No. 1-1).
11 Plaintiff's name is typed out on the signature line. (*Id.* at 14). Two days later Plaintiff filed
12 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, with his name typed in the signature line.
13 (ECF No. 2 at 3.)

14 Under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a plaintiff who is not
15 represented by counsel is required to personally sign all his pleadings, including the
16 complaint. Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a). When an unrepresented Plaintiff fails to sign a pleading,
17 the Court must strike it, "unless the omission is promptly corrected after being called to"
18 his attention. Plaintiff's typed name does not constitute a valid electronic signature, and
19 therefore the Court cannot consider Plaintiff's filings. The Court will send Plaintiff a
20 courtesy copy of his complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff may
21 sign these documents and return them to the Court.

22 The Court notes that Nevada Local Rule of Practice IC 5-1 deals with electronic
23 signatures. If Plaintiff wishes to use an electronic signature in the future, he should review
24 this rule carefully to ensure that his electronic signature is valid.

25 **II. CONCLUSION**

26 For the foregoing reasons, it is ordered that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff
27 a courtesy copy of his complaint (ECF No. 1-1), and his application to proceed *in forma*
28 *pauperis* (ECF No. 2).

1 It is further ordered that on or before **March 22, 2024**, Plaintiff will file a signed
2 copy of his complaint and his application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

3 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
4 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff
5 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, at a later date.

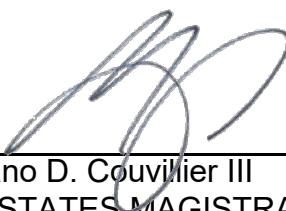
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DATED THIS 21st day of February 2024.

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Maximiliano D. Couvillier III
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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